

House Resolution No.

Whereas, it is with utmost respect that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause in their daily legislative endeavors in order to recognize those Show-Me State residents who truly embody the concept of "Outstanding Missourian" through their deeds and achievements; and

Whereas, the congregation of Elm Branch Christian Church in rural Aurora has attained considerable distinction for the role it has played in the recovery efforts for many families whose lives were turned upside down after devastating tornados destroyed much of their area on May 4, 2003; and

Whereas, on Tuesday, May 4, 2004, the Reverend David Martin and other members of the Elm Branch Christian Church congregation will meet with state legislators in the Missouri House of Representatives to receive well-deserved honors and accolades for the exemplary role they have performed in Missouri as community leaders; and

Whereas, Elm Branch Christian Church provided a place for sleep, showers, and meals for numerous individuals for approximately thirty days after the terrible storm, which obliterated almost everything in its path; and

Whereas, the congregation of Elm Branch Christian Church generously donated the use of its church van for a wide variety of functions and directly helped with storm cleanup efforts; and

Whereas, the two hundred church members were no strangers to hardship since Elm Branch Christian Church burned to the ground on June 4, 1975, when it was struck by lightning after a recent remodeling; and

Whereas, almost one year after the destructive tornado, the congregation of Elm Branch Christian Church continues to participate with the clean-up and rebuilding efforts:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the well-deserved selection of the members of Elm Branch Christian Church as "Outstanding Missourians" and to extend to them this legislative body's most heartfelt welcome to the state capitol on May 4, 2004, for special recognition as guests in the House Chamber; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of "Outstanding Missourians" from the congregation of Elm Branch Christian Church in rural Aurora.

Offered by _____
Representative Jack Goodman
District No. 132

Joined by the Entire House Membership

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. ____, adopted _____, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker